(d) Does not arise.

Dual Pricing Policy on Fertilizers

*213. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed any criteria under the dual pricing policy on fertilizers to differentiate farmers on the basis of their agricultural production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sri Sailam Left Bank Canal Project

*214. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modified report regarding the Srisailam Left Bank Canal Project has since been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Goverpment thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCE (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Processing of Gold Extracted from Chigurukunta Gold Mines

*215. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mining operations are going on in the Chigurukunta Gold Mines in the Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the gold extracted from the above mine is also being processed there;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to process the gold near the mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). As the Ore mined from Chigargunta mines is of low grade, a separate recovery plant to process the Ores at Chigargunta has not been found economic. At the same time, additional capacity to process the ores is available at Kolar Gold Fields Mills which can take care of the ores produced in Kolar Gold Fields area (KGF area) as also Chigargunta mines, thereby utilising the idle capacity available at KGF mills. The ore produced from Chigargunta gold mine are processed at KGF mills. Presently, there is no proposal to process gold ore at Chigargunta.

Modernisation of IISCO

*216. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to entrust the job of modernisation and subsequent operation of the India Iron and Steel Company Limited to some private entrepreneurs;